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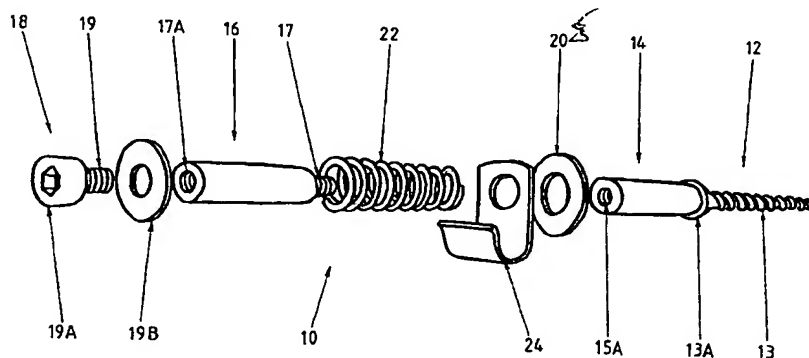
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(57) Abstract: A device (10) for fixing an object (24) to a tree (32). The device includes an elongate body (12, 14, 16, 18), one end of which is adapted for attachment to a tree (32). An object is slidably mounted on the elongate body. The device also includes a device (22) for biasing the object towards the end of the body adapted for attachment to the tree (32). In use, pressure resulting from growth of the tree (32) being transmitted to the object and pushing it along the elongate body against the bias and away from the tree (32).

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